

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 28, 29, 32, 35, and 55 have been amended. Claims 43-54 have been temporarily withdrawn from consideration to focus examination on one claim series. These claims will be introduced once patentability of claim series 28 is concluded. New claim 56 has been added.

Claims 28-42 and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over W3C "Implementing HTML Frames" (hereafter W3C) in combination with LaStrange (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,142).

It is submitted there are many differences between the documents relied on by the Office and the claimed embodiments, although it appears the differences are not sufficiently clear with the previous claimed embodiments and previous explanations. Consequently, in another effort to clarify inventive intent in the present matter, independent claim 28 has been amended to recite:

displaying first data of a first host system in an information browser operable to ignore attempts to navigate the browser away from said displaying said first and second data;

displaying second data of a second host system in the information browser; and

receiving a third request operative to navigate the browser away from said displaying said first data and replace said display of the first data with display of new data in the information browser;

wherein the first data persists in the single information browser region after said receiving the third request

As discussed in previous responses, information browsers, such as the well known Internet Explorer by Microsoft Corporation, when an information browser is navigated away from a current web page or other data display, e.g., by way of operating

user interface buttons, invoking navigation controls, or the like, such navigation ordinarily results in the browser **destroying its currently displayed contents.**

This includes destroying pages containing frames.

Try it. Load a web page containing frames and then navigate away, such as by pressing the “Home” button, entering a new Uniform Resource Locator in the address bar of the browser, etc. If you do, the web page containing the frames is **DESTROYED** in order to load the “Home” page defined for the information browser or other resource requested. **There is nothing about frames that prevents operation of a conventional information browser from destroying the web page containing the frames in order to respond to the requested navigation command !!** This is because the conventional browser is in control, since it is providing the environment in which web pages or other resources are defined and loaded; in a conventional information browser loaded resources cannot “tell the information browser what to do.”

The fact that a frame may be static or live as discussed in Action ¶4 does not affect the **inability** of frame code operating inside the information browser to prevent navigation of the information browser as recited. Recited embodiments overcome this conventional browser limitation by allowing selectively persistent data to be displayed in an information browser even if there are attempts to navigate to a new resource. In the information browser of recited embodiments, pressing the “Home” button as suggested above would have no effect unless and until an effect is allowed as recited.

As a rough simplification, recited embodiments concern modifying a conventional information browser itself to operate unconventionally. In order to claim this more clearly, the first clause of amended claim 28 now recites the information browser is

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"operable to ignore attempts to navigate the browser away from said displaying said first and second data." The W3C and LaStrange references simply do not and can not prevent or "ignore attempts to navigate the browser away from" displayed resources. Consequently, these references do not and can not render obvious the recited claims as suggested by the Office.

INTERVIEW REQUEST

The Examiner is again respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss the foregoing amendments and arguments.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome and therefore presently active claims 28-42 and 55-56 are in condition for allowance. If deemed allowable, withdrawn claims 43-54 will be amended in accordance with the allowed claims so that all claims may issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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